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SALONIUS ET AL.

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FOR: VACCINE AGAINST SALMONID RICKETTSIAL SEPTICAEMIA
BASED ON ARTHROBACTER CELLS

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This application is a National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/EP03/07605. The deadline for filing this application is January 17, 2005 (January 15 is a Saturday) and this application is being filed on or before that date. As such, this application is being filed timely.

Enclosed please find this Preliminary Amendment, an IDS, Form PTO-1449, a Declaration signed by Kira Salonijs, and an unsigned Declaration for Steven Gareth Griffiths. Also enclosed is a Transmittal Sheet and Application Data sheet.

Attached are Amendments to the Claims and Specification followed by Remarks section.